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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay:
draft resolution

Protection of peace-keeping personnel

The General Assembly,

Acknowledging the vital importance of the involvement of United Nations personnel in preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peace-keeping, peace-building and humanitarian operations,

Noting with grave concern the growing number of fatalities and injuries among United Nations peace-keeping and other personnel resulting from deliberate hostile actions in areas of deployment,

Bearing in mind the Secretary-General's concern over the safety of peace-keeping personnel expressed in his report entitled "An agenda for peace", 1/

1/ A/47/277-S/24111, chap. VIII.

Recalling its resolution 46/48 of 9 December 1991 and other relevant resolutions, as well as the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee on Peace-Keeping Operations, 2/

Having examined the special report of the Special Committee on Peace-Keeping Operations, 3/

Noting relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Pays tribute to the courage, commitment and idealism of peace-keeping and other United Nations personnel in the field, who often work in difficult and dangerous circumstances;

2. Resolutely condemns any hostile actions against United Nations personnel, including deliberate attacks against United Nations peace-keeping operations, which have resulted in a disturbing number of casualties;

3. Strongly demands that host countries and all parties to a conflict take all measures possible to ensure the safety of peace-keeping and other United Nations personnel;

4. Reminds host countries of their responsibility for the safety of peace-keeping and other United Nations personnel on their territory;

5. Urges the Secretary-General to conclude, if possible at the earliest stage of a peace-keeping operation, a Status of Forces Agreement with the parties concerned, emphasizing their obligations to respect the international status of United Nations operations in accordance with the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations; 4/

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in planning future peace-keeping operations and in making recommendations for their deployment, to give particular attention to adequate protection for peace-keeping and other United Nations personnel;

7. Recommends that in appropriate cases the Security Council might make it clear to the parties when authorizing a peace-keeping operation that it is prepared to take further steps in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations should the purpose of the operation systematically be frustrated by provocative attacks against United Nations personnel;

2/ A/47/253.

3/ A/47/386.

4/ Resolution 22 A (I).

8. Recommends that the Security Council continue, in collaboration with the Force Commander and the Secretariat to collect and, where appropriate, disseminate reliable information about attacks on the safety of peace-keeping and other United Nations personnel;

9. Requests the Special Committee on Peace-Keeping Operations to study other measures to ensure the safety of peace-keeping and other United Nations personnel and report to the General Assembly;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to address the question of the safety of United Nations personnel in his periodic reports on ongoing peace-keeping operations.